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Donovan Expects 20 Other Prisoners Within 6 Weeks

Miami, Fla., March 1. (AP)—Two United States women prisoners in Cuban jails since 1960, returned to their homeland today and some twenty other United States prisoners are expected within six weeks.

James Donovan, New York attorney who negotiated for the prisoners' release, said the freedom of the other Americans depends on the speed with which Premier Fidel Castro receives all the \$53,000,000 ransom for the Cuban invasion prisoners.

He said he thought there were about 35 other prisoners but that Castro did not consider all of them from the United States.

About half of the ransom supplies—medicine and baby foods—have been received by the Cubans, Donovan said.

Hopes To Free Skindivers

Donovan also said that he hoped for the early release of nine skin divers arrested recently by Cubans. The nine said they were fishermen on the way from the United States to the Dominican Republic.

"I expect within a few weeks by simply providing a few basic corroborating materials showing they were actually shipwrecked and washed ashore, they will be freed," Donovan said at a news conference.

The two women, Mrs. Geraldine Shamma, in her thirties, a native of Boston, and Mrs. Martha O'Neal, whose parents live in Orlando, Fla., talked to reporters after they checked through immigration.

First Wish Is Hot Dog

Both looked tired but appeared to be in good physical condition. Neither knew until 11 A.M. today that she was to be freed.

"The first thing I'm going to have is a hot dog," Mrs. O'Neal said.

The woman had been charged with counterrevolutionary activity and had been sentenced to ten

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He reported the condition of all reasonably good under the circumstances and that there had been a recent improvement in their condition.

He said Castro told him that the only term for the release of the nine skindivers was to prove innocent of counterrevolutionary activities. He said there were no strings attached to the release of the two women today.

The women were escorted into an auditorium at the service club at Homestead base, near Miami. Donovan and the women appeared together.

Mrs. Shamima, a white-haired, stocky woman wearing dark glasses, was asked her age. She replied, "Don't make me feel any worse than I do."

She said she was arrested on November 4, 1960, at her home and said her husband died in 1960.

She said six Cuban Intelligence soldiers took her to headquarters and that she didn't learn until later she was accused of spying.

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